

**CITY OF WINCHESTER**  
**TRANSIT DEPARTMENT**  
**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) POLICY**

**POLICY STATEMENT**


The City of Winchester, Transit Department ("Winchester Transit") has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. Winchester Transit has received Federal financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, Winchester Transit has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of Winchester Transit to ensure that DBEs defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in FTA-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of FTA – assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for FTA-assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in FTA-assisted contracts;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program;
7. To provide appropriate flexibility in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

The City of Winchester's Grants Coordinator has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, the Grants Coordinator is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is afforded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by Winchester Transit in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration.

Winchester Transit has disseminated this policy statement to the City of Winchester City Council and all of the components of our organization. We have distributed this statement to DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work for us on FTA-assisted contracts. The Winchester Transit DBE Statement is included in all solicitations and distributed at the time all FTA-assisted contracts are signed.

  
City Manager

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Date